

WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. A method for printing postage, comprising:
receiving a label stock pre-printed serial number,
the pre-printed serial number including a master serial
number;
receiving a postage request;
generating an indicium in accordance with the master
serial number, pre-printed serial number, and the postage
request; and
printing the postage using the indicium and the
label stock.
2. The method of claim 1 wherein the label stock
further includes anti-fraud features.
3. The method of claim 2 wherein the anti-fraud
features include micro-printing on the label stock.
4. The method of claim 2 wherein the anti-fraud
features include a watermark on the label stock.
5. The method of claim 2 wherein the anti-fraud
features include cutting the label stock using a special die.
6. The method of claim 2 wherein the anti-fraud
features include printing using color changing ink on the
label stock.
7. The method of claim 1 wherein the postage request
includes a postage amount.
8. The method of claim 1 wherein the postage request
includes a postage class.

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9. The method of claim 1 wherein the postage request includes a Licensing Postage Office.

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10. The method of claim 1 further comprising including the pre-printed serial number in the indicium.

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11. The method of claim 1 wherein the master serial number is linked to a specific postage printing device and generating the indicium further includes ensuring the master serial number is used with the specific postage printing device.

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12. The method of claim 1 further comprising tracking the use of a label stock serial number.

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13. A data processing system adapted to print postage, comprising:

a processor; and

a memory operably coupled to the processor and having program instructions stored therein, the processor being operable to execute the program instructions, the program instructions including:

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receiving a label stock pre-printed serial number, the pre-printed serial number including a master serial number;

receiving a postage request;

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generating an indicium in accordance with the master serial number, pre-printed serial number, and the postage request; and

printing the postage using the indicium and the label stock.

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14. The data processing system of claim 13 wherein the label stock further includes anti-fraud features.

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15. The data processing system of claim 14 wherein the anti-fraud features include micro-printing on the label stock.

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16. The data processing system of claim 14 wherein the anti-fraud features include a watermark on the label stock.

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17. The data processing system of claim 14 wherein the anti-fraud features include cutting the label stock using a special die.

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18. The data processing system of claim 14 wherein the anti-fraud features include printing using color changing ink on the label stock.

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19. The data processing system of claim 13 wherein the postage request includes a postage amount.

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20. The data processing system of claim 13 wherein the postage request includes a postage class.

21. The data processing system of claim 13 wherein the postage request includes a Licensing Postage Office.

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22. The data processing system of claim 13, the program instructions for generating the indicium further including including the pre-printed serial number in the indicium.

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23. The data processing system of claim 13 wherein the program instructions further include linking the master serial number to a specific postage printing device and the program instructions for generating the indicium further include ensuring the master serial number is used with the specific postage printing device.

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24. The data processing system of claim 13 wherein the
program instructions further include tracking the use of a
label stock serial number.

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25. A method for printing postage, comprising:
receiving a label stock pre-printed serial number,
the pre-printed serial number including a master serial
10 number, the label stock including printing in color-
changing ink, labels cut with a special die, micro-
printing, and a watermark;
receiving a postage request;
generating an indicium in accordance with the master
15 serial number, pre-printed serial number, and the postage
request; and
printing the postage using the indicium and the
label stock.

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26. The method of claim 25, further comprising tracking
the use of a label stock serial number.

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27. The method of claim 25 wherein the master serial
number is linked to a specific postage printing device and
generating the indicium further includes ensuring the master
serial number is used with the specific postage printing
device.

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28. The method of claim 25 wherein the postage request
includes a postage amount.

29. The method of claim 25 wherein the postage request
includes a postage class.

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30. The method of claim 25 wherein the postage request
includes a Licensing Postage Office.

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31. The method of claim 25 further comprising including the pre-printed serial number in the indicium.

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32. A method for printing postage, comprising:
receiving a label stock pre-printed serial number;
receiving a postage request;
generating an indicium in accordance with the pre-
printed serial number and the postage request;
10 printing the postage using the indicium and the label stock; and
tracking the use of the pre-printed serial number.

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33. The method of claim 32 wherein the postage request includes a postage amount.

34. The method of claim 32 wherein the postage request includes a postage class.

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35. The method of claim 32 wherein the postage request includes a Licensing Postage Office.

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36. The method of claim 32 further comprising including the pre-printed serial number in the indicium.

37. The method of claim 32 wherein the label stock further includes anti-fraud features.

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38. A method for printing postage, comprising:
receiving a label stock pre-printed serial number, the label stock cut with a special die and including printing in color-changing ink;
receiving a postage request;
generating an indicium in accordance with the pre-
35 printed serial number and the postage request; and

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printing the postage using the indicium and the
label stock.

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39. The method of claim 38, further comprising tracking
the use of the pre-printed serial number.

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40. A method for printing postage, comprising:
receiving a pre-printed serial number for label
stock cut with a special die;
receiving a postage request;
generating an indicium in accordance with the pre-
printed serial number and the postage request;
printing the postage using the indicium and the
label stock; and
tracking the use of the pre-printed serial number.

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41. A method for generating a display in a user
interface for printing postage, comprising:
receiving a label stock type for a label stock, the
label stock including a plurality of sequenced labels;
receiving a label starting sequence number for a
label from the plurality of sequenced labels; and
generating a label stock display using the label
stock type and label starting sequence number.

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